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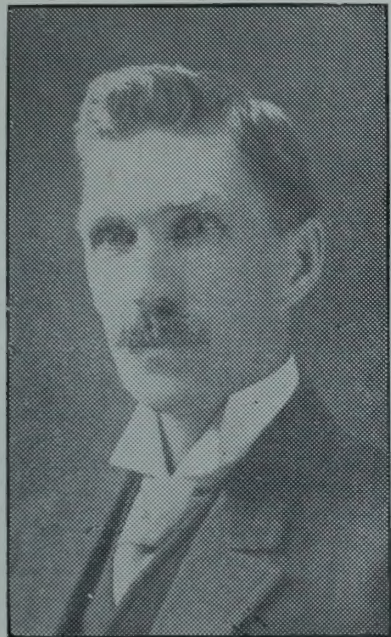
THE TRADES AND LABOR COUNCILS of the cities of Fort William and Port Arthur are proud of the honor conferred on them by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, in accepting their invitation to hold the 26th annual convention in these cities.

We shall endeavor, during the time of your stay with us, to make your visit thoroughly enjoyable and we assure you that all our citizens are interested in this, the first visit of the Trades and Labor Congress to the Gateway of the West, and join in this word of welcome.

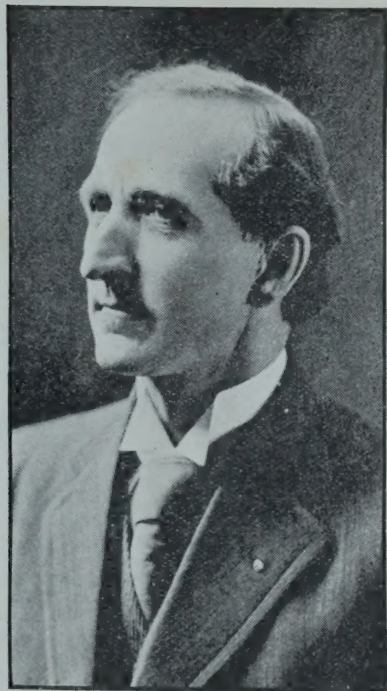
We trust that the convention held here will be productive of progressive thought and action.

You are come to the shore of Thunder Bay, where lies the recumbent form of the Sleeping Giant. Labor is often spoken of as a sleeping giant. We hope that this convention will rouse the giant from the slumber of indifference to a consciousness of strength, and that that strength may be used in beneficence, to succor the weak and over-burdened in the sweat shops and the slums, and to abolish their environment of degeneracy ; to free the children of our land from the toil of the factory and give them the joy of knowledge ; to grant release to the old and infirm from poverty and want and give them the peace of prosperity in their declining years ; to put into the life of every worker the joy of service and the reward of work well done, and to establish in this Dominion the homes of all the workers in security and peace.

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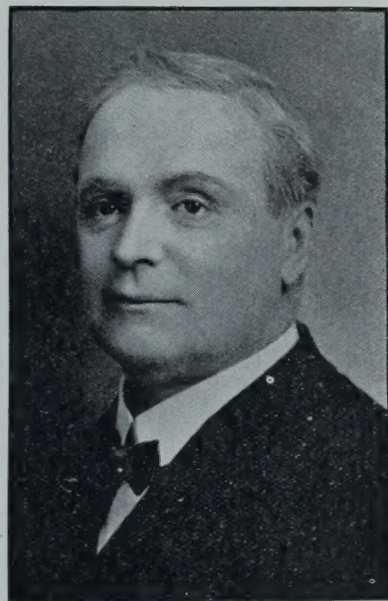
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The 1910 Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress in the Twin Cities.

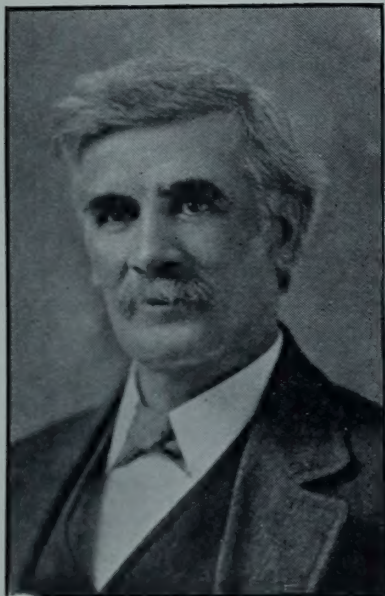
BY P. M. DRAPER, SEC.-TREAS.



THE Twenty-sixth Annual Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada offers many new opportunities for progress and success for the great cause of labor and humanity. The hosts of labor the continent over have cause for rejoicing. Rejoicing that the advances made are due to labor's own proven powers; in its grit and determination to exercise them; at the achievements which have been wrung from unwilling and antagonistic employers; for be it understood that the advantages which have come to the toilers are the result of their better and more thorough organization, their higher intelligence, and their intense manifestations of solidarity and fraternity. The movements of many of our political representatives for the past few years has taught the wage-earners of our country more effectually than any number of warnings and urgings from their leaders, that if they hope to obtain their rights and the redress they are so justly entitled, they will be compelled to show their teeth to their political, as well as their economic opponents.

Labor has always taken political action more or less. The politics of labor have been for the laborers and the common people, without regard to party. As time goes on organization extends and the spirit of federation expands, gaining confidence, self-respect and power, and exerting these for the benefit and advantage primarily of the workers, and necessarily for all the people.

From all quarters of our broad Dominion come encouraging reports that wage-earners are



FREDERICK URRY

Secretary of the Trades and Labor Council of Port Arthur, member of the Carpenter's Union and although an architect carries his trade union card. Represented the Carpenters union at the Trades and Labor Congress at Winnipeg and the Trades and Labor Council at the Congress at Halifax. While at Halifax was elected by the labor men of the district to run as candidate for Dominion Parliament in general election 1908 receiving the endorsation of the Fort William and Port Arthur Labor Councils and all the socialist locals of the district and ran as labor-socialialist candidate. Represents labor on Moral and Social Reform board of Presbyterian church in Canada; will represent Port Arthur with Messrs. Booker and Boyd as delegate to present Congress. Is editor of weekly labor notes in Port Arthur Evening Chronicle under the title of "In the Realm of Labor," is an ex-member of Port Arthur Board of Education and a member of the Parks Commission.

realizing more than at any previous time the fact that their hope for the protection of their rights and interests now, or their progress, liberty and freedom in the future, lies in their organizations, in the trade union movement, as understood, expressed and advocated by the best general organizations which labor has ever had—the International Trade Unions, for **trade** purposes, and the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, for **legislative** purposes. Not only are there more workmen organized in existing unions, but more new unions are being formed, and also more international unions affiliated with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

Much as has been accomplished, however, the Trades Unionists cannot, must not, and will not rest content so long as a wrong remains unredressed, so long as a right remains unattained. So long as there remains an unorganized wage-earner, there is urgent work for the Trade Unionist to do.

Labor's opponents argue that there are but 100,000 workmen organized in Canada, and point out that this forms but a small portion of the 7,000,000 of our people. They adroitly make this statement to deceive the thoughtless; for they fail to state, or hope to conceal the fact, that the organized workers are adults, mostly men and citizens; while the 7,000,000 population is composed of men, women and children. An additional interesting fact is that in several trades organization has advanced to the point of fully 95 per cent. of the workers organized.

Of course it is true that there are many workmen unorganized—alas, too many. Yet here are exceedingly few who are not earnestly in accord with the aims and aspirations of the trade union movement. Many there are, who, belated in their efforts to organize, find themselves enmeshed in the power of their employers, and imagine themselves impotent to contend for their right to organize, to protect themselves and promote their interests, and who yet prayerfully hope for the success of organized labor with the expectation that its beneficent influence may reach them. For those



Wm. Glockling
President Trades and Labor Congress of Canada

JAMES BOOKER

President, since its inception, of the Trades and Labor Council of Port Arthur, was elected by the union men of Port Arthur to run as one of their labor candidates for aldermen 1910. Is one of the most trusted labor men of the district, respected for his integrity and independence of character and utterance. Delegate from Port Arthur Council to Congress 1910. He is president of the machinists' union.

organized labor must be the spokesman, advocate and defender, despite the jeers and opposition of plutocracy and its mouthpieces.

Organized labor must go among the yet unorganized and preach the gospel of fraternity, mutuality of the interests of the toilers, that they have "one glory and one shame"—the shame of division and defeat; the glory of unity, brotherhood, progress and emancipation.

From the Twin Cities of Port Arthur and Fort William, the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, representing one hundred thousand Trade Unionists and wage-earners from Victoria, B.C., in the far west, to Sydney, C.B., in the extreme east, extends its greetings to the world of labor; it holds out its hand in fellowship to the unorganized: it throws open wide its doors inviting the men of toil to enter, to be brothers with us, to share the responsibilities of a great cause, and to participate in all the advantages which must accrue from united, concentrated, intelligent effort.

Trade Unionists must prove more loyal and faithful than ever before to the great principles and noble aspirations of organized labor. Any weakening or divisions on our part, whether it be on the industrial or political fields, will be taken advantage of by labor's opponents. Hence, federate, consolidate, educate, legislate and emancipate at the ballot-box.

Labor has determined that its first duty is to positively defeat those who are asking its suffrages, and who have been hostile or indifferent to its just demands, and to administer a stinging rebuke to them. This will not only benefit the toilers, but the people of our entire country.

At the coming Convention let us emphasize the declaration that the toilers and their friends will enforce our watchword; that we will stand by our friends and administer a stinging rebuke to men on parties who are either indifferent, negligent, or hostile, and wherever opportunity offers, secure the election of intelligent, honest, earnest Trades Unionists, with clear, unblemished, paid up union cards in their possession.

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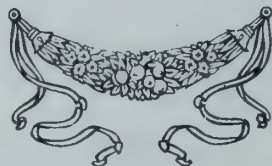
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both political parties have ignored labor's legislative demands, a straight labor candidate should be nominated, so that honest men may have the opportunity of exercising their franchise to vote according to their conscience, instead of being compelled to either refrain from voting or to vote for the candidate and the party they must in their inner souls despise.

When a Member of Parliament or a Member of the Provincial Legislature in Canada has proved himself a true friend to the rights of labor, he should be supported, thus avoiding the election of opponents of labor.

Unity, Brotherhood, Progress and Emancipation should be the main aim of our International Labor Movement of today. If the workers and our friends will be true to themselves and to each other, the miseries and burdens of the past which the workers have had to bear from time immemorial will pass and fade into the bright noonday of labor's triumph in the establishment of the Brotherhood of Man.





LIONEL COURSELLE

President of the Fort William Trades and Labor Council, succeeded Bro. Peter Gray to that office on the latter's retirement, was vice-president of the council previously. Is one of the hardest workers in the cause of labor in this district and will worthily represent Fort William Council at the congress.

As chairman of the council and the various committees Bro. Courselle has always shown marked ability in conducting business. He is prompt, tactful, and courteous in the chair, has a full grip of the labor question and stands for clean dealing in all business transactions. He has made an admirable chairman of the joint management committee and and it is due to his optimism and energy that many movements for the benefit of labor has been brought to fruition in this district. He is a member of the carpenters union.

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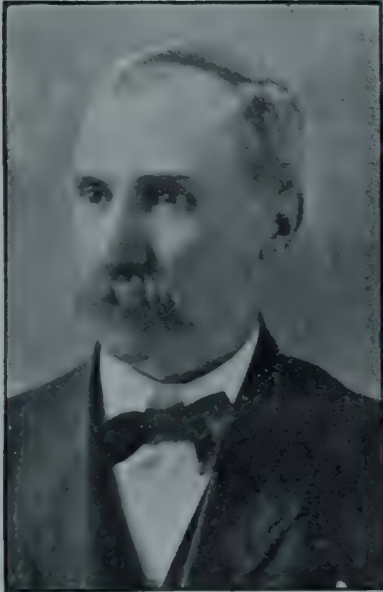
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Sec.-Treas. of Port Arthur Trades and Labor Council, was elected by the unions to run as candidate with Bros. Booker, Malcolm and Manchee for alderman in 1910; was delegate to Congress at Quebec and has been appointed organizer for the Congress for this district; will represent Port Arthur as one of the delegates for present congress. is a member of the machinists' union and has proved himself an indefatigable worker in the cause of labor. He believes in free labor exchanges, co-operation among the workers and a labor paper for the district and he won't be happy till he gets them.

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Vice-President Port Arrhur Trades and Labor Council, has always been a hard worker for the labor cause, was chairman of the labor day committee in 1909 and has been a member of same committee in 1910, is ex-president of the Typographical union. It is an understood thing among labor men that any work undertaken by Geo. Price will be thoroughly done. He is a sane thinker and a brief speaker, who always speaks to the point.

Programme of Convention

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12



Morning 10 a. m. Congress convenes in Auditorium,
Fort William

Afternoon session in Auditorium

Evening Reception in Labor Temple, Bay street
Port Arthur

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13



Morning session in Auditorium, Fort William
Afternoon session in Auditorium, Fort William
Evening session in Auditorium, Fort William

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14



Morning session in Auditorium, Fort William
Afternoon excursion on the lake, boat leaves Fort William
at 1.30 p. m., Port Arthur at 2 p. m.
Evening session in Auditorium, Fort William

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15



Morning, Congress convenes in Labor Temple, Bay street;
Port Arthur

Afternoon, Congress convenes in Labor Temple, Bay street,
Evening, Mass Meeting in Methodist Church, Fort William

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16



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Evening, Congress convenes in Labor Temple, Port Arthur

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17



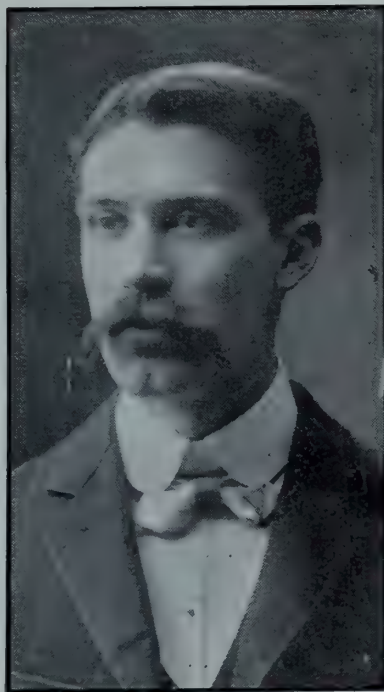
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Member Fort William Trades and Labor Council**



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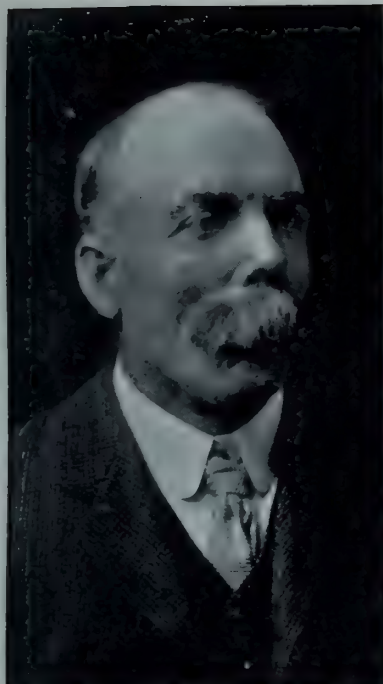
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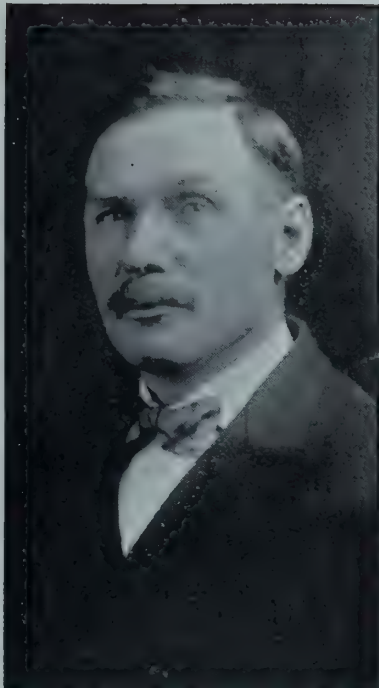


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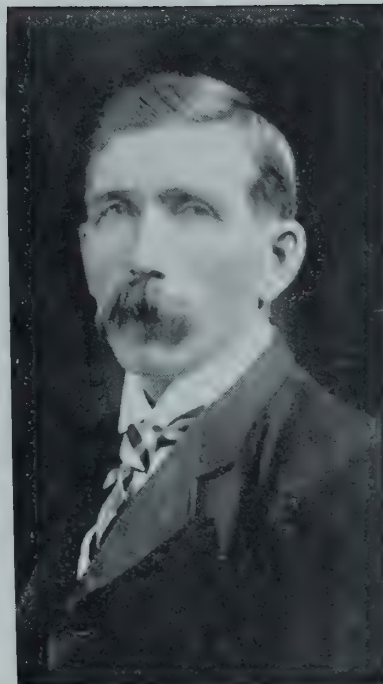
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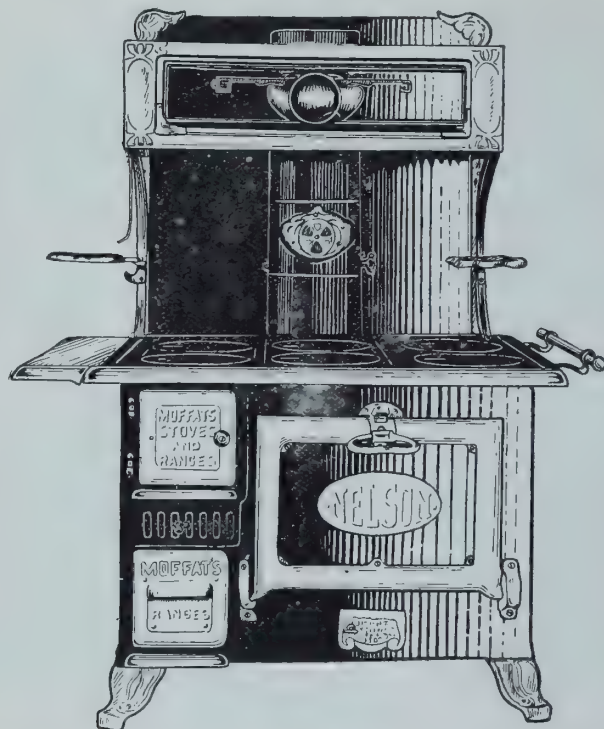


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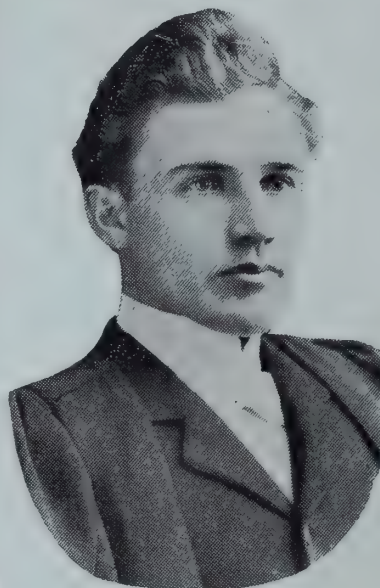
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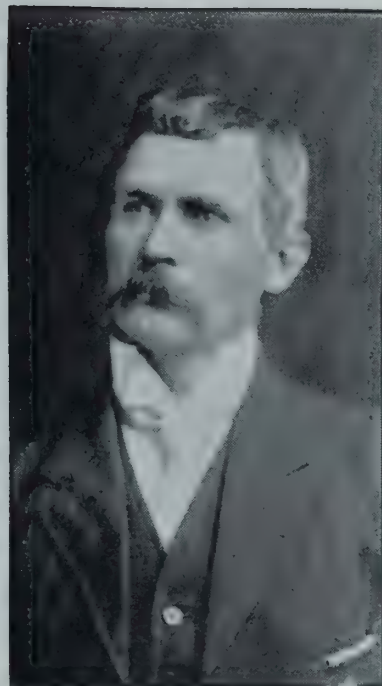
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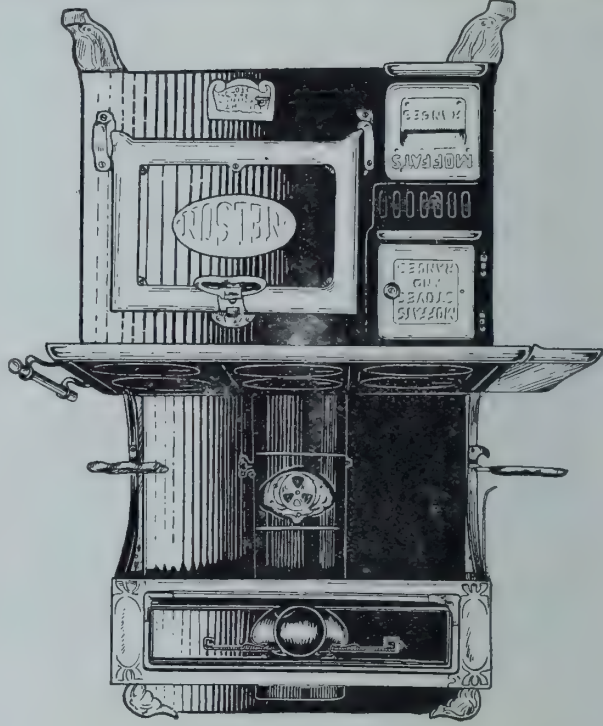
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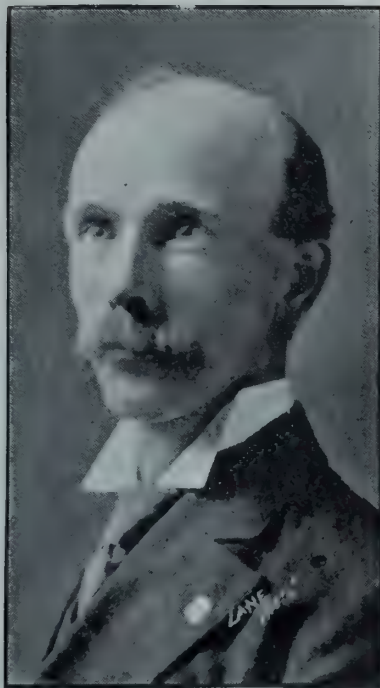
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OBJECT AND AIM



HIS Council since its inception in April 1908, has constantly held before itself the motto "The safety of the future lies in organization." Early in its career it has appointed a strong committee on organizing, which has worked along two distinct lines; the assisting and nursing new unions, as well as bringing them into existence by organizing them. A mistake is often made just here. An organizer comes into the field and hurriedly gets a few men of some craft together, procures for them a charter, and without even seeing that they hold their first meeting to elect officers, leaves them to get on as best they may. Often they never get beyond this stage. The council of Port Arthur has often taken hold of such an emergency and nursed into life and vigor more than one union. It must be admitted that unionism in Port Arthur and district is in its earliest stage of development. There are great possibilities lying ahead of us. But at present there are fears among us that many organized bodies of labor men exist around us which have but the crudest ideas of unionism. These bodies must be taken hold of by the Trades and Labor Council, brought into line, nurtured and educated by every available means, until each and all march with satisfied tread in the great forward march of the labor movement. Within the jurisdiction of Port Arthur's Trades and Labor Council there must be at least 30 organized unions. Of these nearly half have realized it their duty to affiliate with the Council. The other half, either through some supposed obstacle in their constitution, or through indifference to their best development, or worse still through inability on their part to see any direct material benefit they have sullenly perhaps held aloof from the Council.



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ITS USEFULNESS

Early in the winter of its first year complaints came in from all quarters about the abuses and unfair conditions that existed among the laborers, lumbermen and sub-contractors in the camps all along the line of the new trans-continental railway now being built. These complaints came from the men who had been on the spot, many of whom were made the victims of a system of robbery and espionage hard to believe in this civilized age. An intolerable state of affairs was revealed. Men were being housed in places unfit for human habitations. They were being fleeced and robbed on every hand by the main contractors and those at the head of affairs. Sub-contractors would take a job—and they could not get a job unless they sub-contracted for it—and slave for months at some herculean task, and when they went for their money were told they had nothing coming to them, were often in the debt of the company. They would ask for a written statement, and when they got one were appalled at the charges made for the common necessities of life. Every opportunity had been seized to take advantage of their position, and many of them had been simply robbed of every dollar they had earned. In spite of all their protest no redress was forthcoming. They got to town as best they could. One man had his feet so badly frozen on the way there that he had to have them amputated in the hospital. They got their grievance before the Trades and Labor Council. The matter was taken up, a lawyer consulted, strong resolutions were passed and the department of labor at Ottawa besieged. Finally on the sworn affidavits of the men who had been duped a royal commission is demanded to investigate. They got what is usually got when fears are entertained that the friends of the government may be involved, an investigation of the charges all along the line by the head superintendent under the government. However, the result has been that no more complaints have been made.

The city council was early approached regarding the insertion in all contracts and agreements



Canadian Northern Elevator, Port Arthur

made by the city of the fair wage clause. After some explanations and the clearing away of much rubbish from the minds of some of the aldermen, a resolution was passed endorsing the fair wage proposition. One result of this is that in a conspicuous place in the corridors of the city hall the fair wage for all common workmen is printed in large letters and posted so as to be seen by all. It is feared, however, that the insertion of this clause in the contracts given out by the city may sometimes be overlooked or forgotten, and it is to be lamented that often the workmen themselves are to blame in not demanding the fair wage, or in being willing to work for a less wage than they are entitled to. What must soon follow is the appointment of a fair wage officer who shall see this resolution enforced and inserted in every contract with the city, and lived up to by the workmen.

It has long been felt that labor should be represented on the council board of the city. There are men in the local ranks of labor who have the ability and are just as capable of upholding the claims of labor—if not more so—than many outsiders who lay claim to labor's support. Last December by unanimous vote of the Trades and Labor Council, and after a special appeal to all the unions it was resolved to put 5 candidates in the field: four for aldermen and one for the electric railway commission. Some thought that we were too greedy, but the prevailing opinion was that a smaller number on the board would have little or no influence in swaying a vote in favor of labor. A very fair result was obtained for a start; and with the encouragement given on that occasion steps will likely be taken this year to renew the contest.

Two problems of a somewhat similar nature have been up for solution. The one dealing upon the difficulty of "How to prevent slums growing up in these young twin cities" and "How to nip in the bud the white slave traffic." These twin cities being only in the making every chance is on the side of those who make a determined stand against their taking root. The single tax proposition has been heartily endorsed, and a readiness shown to do anything that will advance it.



Ray, Street & Co.s Bank, Fort William

A Trades and Labor Council may be very useful in preventing strikes. Cases of dispute between employer and employees may be amicably settled by a wise reference to the council. Friction between the individual members of unions that cannot be stopped in the union, can be stopped in the council. Questions about jurisdiction, and member's standing, can all be answered in such a way that peace and harmony may be insured.

ITS AMBITIONS

Small indeed may have been the results of the labors in the past, but the future is looked forward to with every encouragement for success. The need of the hour is the freer and more extensive use of printer's ink. It had been expected that a labor weekly paper would have been issued before the convention met. This weekly was to have extended to the twin cities and surrounding district. In fact, the enthusiasm displayed in those unions where the project was mooted was so great that it was thought advisable to go right ahead. The need of a labor paper is certainly great, and this seems to be the opportune time to launch the scheme. But the responsibility is also very great. Hence the counsels of caution that were given have prevailed, and until it has been decided where the means to carry on the project are to come from a halt has been called by those who are guiding this thing.

Port Arthur and Fort William need a government employment bureau established in these twin cities. The amount of employment going around looking for labor, and the amount of labor going around the other way looking for employment, and the number of times labor has been fleeced by the present unprincipled agencies call for an immediate remedy. That remedy is a free government employment bureau, where men can confidently register their names and consult a

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bona-fide list of employers who really need men. The person appointed to such a bureau could be utilized for other purposes. He could be given authority by the government to keep tab on all young fellows who have technical ability and ambitions, to visit and report upon bunk house conditions in camp and on the railways. In fact such an appointment could be made a very useful adjunct to labor organization everywhere. Strong resolutions have been passed by other than labor bodies for such a government appointment and handed on to the proper quarter. The end is not yet.

Some kind of co-operation is necessary in the way of uniting workmen in societies or otherwise in the matter of buying provisions. In fact the means of subsistence are getting more and more difficult for laboring men. The price of living is too high. Port Arthur's council has realized this. Hence communication with the surrounding farmers have commenced. The Farmer's institute are taking up the matter of co-operation with labor. There are no reasons why these two bodies—farmers' institutes and labor unions—cannot put their heads together and devise some method whereby the cost of living would be materially reduced. The Port Arthur Trades Council and the Dorion Farmer's Institute have set the ball rolling. A transaction in the way of business along this line was culminated last fall which bids fair for the future. A quantity of provisions were sent by the farmers to the council and sold to workingmen cheaper than they could have bought them in the stores.





View of C. P. R. Terminals, Fort William



View of Fort William from Tower of City Hall

Fort William and its Utilities

BY L. L. PELTIER, MAYOR



IN obedience to the request of the Joint Committee of Fort William and Port Arthur Trades and Labor Councils to contribute a paper to be published in the Souvenir which your joint bodies are preparing in honor of the Dominion Labor Congress holding its annual session here on the 12th to 17th day of September, I beg to submit the following with the compliments and good will of the Mayor of Fort William to the labor men of the Dominion.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's prophesy that the "twentieth century belonged to Canada" is being fulfilled in an unmistakable manner as day after day registers the acquisition of large numbers of wealthy industrious settlers upon the fertile agricultural lands of Western Canada; the location of important industries in towns and cities throughout the whole Dominion, and while new large areas of cultivated lands are being added throughout Western Canada, the eastern portion of the Dominion enjoys the happy spectacle of her factories and industries resuming operations under full blast in order to provide the rapidly increasing population of the entire Dominion with necessary articles and equipment.

Whilst conditions generally have not only regained lost ground of a depression which affected the whole civilized world during recent years, but are witnessing renewed energy and greater development, industrially and commercially throughout Eastern and Western Canada, Fort William is experiencing a development encompassing all the features of Eastern and Western Canada.

Western Canada, which has for its gateway Fort William, will eventually provide the bulk of the staff of life for the great market of the whole world and Fort William, as well as its neighbor-



Elevators, Fort William

ing City, is assured of participation to the fullest possible extent in the development, progressive-ness and prosperity which is certain to accrue in the peace, contentment and happiness of a new great nation.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY.

So rapid has been the growth of the city, in recent years (its population is now estimated at 25,000) that it has been a task of no small magnitude to provide the necessary adjuncts to a well regulated city for the present population.

During the past five years over nine hundred thousand dollars has been expended on a sewage system of which over twenty-five miles have been completed including all the important sewer outlets and trunk sewers.

The graded streets of the city extend for over ninety miles, fifty thousand square yards of which has been paved with asphalt block and twenty thousand square yards have been macadamized.

We have seven miles of concrete sidewalks and thirty three miles of plank sidewalks.

The Public Utilities of the city are all owned and operated by the city.

The Telephone System installed in 1902, in opposition to the Bell company has developed in an extraordinary degree, the fight ended last year when the Bell company with less than one hundred subscribers sold out its plant and rights in the city, under its dominion franchise, for the sum of six thousand dollars, leaving the city with the unopposed telephone franchise with fifteen hundred subscribers from a capital investment of one hundred and eighty thousand dollars. An effort is being made to remove as far as possible all telephone poles from the streets and already fifteen miles of cable have been laid in under ground conduits.

Up to the present year the rates charged for a telephone were twelve dollars per year for resi-



City Hall, Fort William

dences and twenty four dollars for business phones—the growth of the system has compelled an advance to fifteen and eighteen dollars in the former case and thirty-six in the latter, but it must be remembered that there are less than one hundred party lines in use and in a few weeks there will be none, also that every subscriber has free connection, not only with the fifteen hundred subscribers within the city, but in addition has free interchange with about an equal number of subscribers in the neighboring city of Port Arthur; who also own and operate their telephone system. A large number of long distance rural telephone systems are tributary to this exchange including the Municipalities of Oliver and Paipoonge and the villages of Stanley, Slate River and Murillo, as a whole we have a telephone system that will compare in efficiency with any on the continent, and the low rate maintained has saved to our citizens since its installation a sum at least equal to the capital investment.

ELECTRIC LIGHT SYSTEM

For some years power for the electric light service was generated by a seven hundred and fifty Kilowatt steam driven plant erected by the city, but since the great hydro-electric development at Kakabeka Falls of thirty thousand horse power, current has been taken from the central station of the Kaministiquia Power Company. The service now utilizes thirteen hundred horse power and has thirty-five hundred and eight customers with a capital investment of one hundred and ninety thousand.

The rate charged for electric light is seven cents per kilowatt hour, subject to ten per cent discount which is as far as I have been able to discover the lowest rate in Canada and this rate is not secured at the cost of efficiency, the transformer capacity is ample and copper has not been spared. In fact it is some years since any complaint has been received on the score of low voltage.



Blast Furnace, Port Arthur

WATER SYSTEM

The water problem of the city has been faced in a resolute manner and solved in such a way that no anxiety need be feared on account of this vital necessity of city life until our population exceeds two hundred thousand people.

For some years the supply was drawn from the Kaministiquia river, which flows through the city, by means of two seven hundred and fifty thousand gallon pumps, but as the city outgrew their capacity and the purity of the river water left much to be desired, it was decided in 1906 to procure a gravity supply from Loch Lomond, a lake of pure clear water set in the midst of high basaltic hills lying south of the city and forming part of the north west coast range of Lake Superior. This lake is eight miles from the city hall, has an area of ten square miles with a drainage area of thirty square miles and an elevation above Lake Superior of three hundred and thirty-two feet and three-quarters of a mile therefrom. The water is taken from the lake through a thirty-six inch steel intake pipe stretching seven hundred and fifty feet from the shore into forty-two feet of water, and is there conducted through a tunnel five thousand feet in length driven through the solid rock. A covered concrete forebay at the city end of the tunnel is provided with the necessary valves for the utilization of the full capacity of the watershed. At present one eighteen inch cast iron pipe line conveys the water to an eight hundred thousand gallon concrete equalizing reservoir located on a bluff midway between the forebay and the city, standing at an elevation of two hundred and ninety-seven feet above Lake Superior and supplying a minimum pressure of one hundred and ten pounds to every hydrant in the city. From this reservoir two eighteen inch pressure mains deliver the water to the city negotiating in their route the crossing of the Kaministiquia river by means of two eighteen inch flanged cast iron pipe lines each five hundred feet in length and placed on a grade line twenty nine feet below water level. Within the city thirty-five miles of mains vary-



Post Office, Port Arthur

ing from four to eighteen inches in diameter distribute the water to the citizens. The cost of the new gravity supply including interest and sinking fund during construction approximate half a million dollars, and the city's total investment for water has now reached a sum of seven hundred thousand dollars

The water rates compare favorably with the majority of cities, but the large expenditure on the gravity supply prevents any large reduction at present, but if the city continues to grow at its present rate a very few years will assure us the cheapest, as well as the best water supply in Canada.

STREET RAILWAY

In 1892 the City of Port Arthur acquired through the Provincial Legislature the right to construct and operate a street railway through the city of Fort William. This right expires 1913, but in order to facilitate the improvements of the streets of Fort William this city acquired, by purchase, that portion of the street railway within its borders. However as the city of Port Arthur is entitled to whatever profit may accrue from its operation until the year 1913 the railway is being operated until that date by a joint board composed of two members appointed from each city, who select an independent chairman.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

By the civic ownership and operation of public utilities, which are by nature natural monopolies, and the carrying out of public work by day labor, a frequent and dangerous source of misgovernment is eliminated.

The universal adoption of these principles would do a great deal more for the ideal of clean.



Coal and Ore Docks, Port Arthur

progressive, civic government than the modern suggestion of government by a paid commission. Such commission, it seems to me, is but the last step in the progressive throttling of the control of the people in their government. First they are deprived of the franchises that they by their work and energy alone make valuable; Secondly the construction of their non-revenue producing public works are handed over to the exploitation of the Municipal Contract System and finally what remains of independence, or control must say the modern Solon, be undertaken by the business man, whose training fits him more particularly for an administration controlled and perfected by and for the corporation, trusts and privileged capitalists; who have exploited the citizens for their own ends so long and so thoroughly. If a city has nothing to sell to self-seekers, either in the form of fat franchises, or fat contracts, its representatives have no occasion to sell themselves, also, incidentally this would have a purifying effect on the press.

Even in Fort William, the home of Municipal ownership, so recently as the present year strenuous efforts have been made to secure a gas franchise.

If instead of a thirty year gas franchise these people had requested for the same period a monopoly to supply coal and sunlight to the citizens they would have received scant courtesy—and yet, gas is but a product of coal and gas-light merely stored sunlight liberated by the mechanical process which produces gas—"Consistency thou art a jewel!"

Fort William has in its municipal administration adopted all the good points that are claimed to accrue from government by commission, viz: that the heads of the various departments are held responsible for the work under their charge; the mayor and council not arrogating to themselves the right to dictate. This principle was initiated at the beginning of 1908 and perfected on the abolition of the old board of commissioners in July 1909, when the utilities were placed by the council entirely under the control of the department heads.



Municipal Power Plant, Port Arthur

No civic administration can be run on business principles alone, those who advocate this do not, I fear, understand or fully appreciate the first principles of community, co-operative administration, which necessitates practical methods plus humanitarianism, while the cold blooded business methods in vogue at the present day are minus humanitarianism.

Business methods, so called, are based upon expected and often exacted profits, whilst most of the expenditures of a city are by their nature not capable of showing cash dividends.

Even public utilities should not be run for profit, but rather for service.

The people should never surrender the right to elect and select their legislators. Nevertheless there can be evolved from our present administrative methods the system of a paid board of control, thus giving both the legislative and executive departments so essential to a city operating and owning its own franchises, and in addition we should have the power of the initiative and recall vested in the people.

The now two cities at the head of the great lakes are, I believe, destined to become the one great Centre Dominion city through which the east to west and the west to east commerce of the great coming nation will pass. And here advantageously will locate the artisan, the product of his labor passing west and east, north and southward. And here will sojourn for a time the way-farer from other lands, and in his goings carry with him the glad tidings of a great city, the citizens of which have, have through trial, difficulties and temptations, made of it a shining example in the successful demonstration of the benefit and justice of municipal ownership and operation of all those businesses which the people's interest suggest.

All Canada pays tribute to Fort William and Port Arthur and in return these cities set an example to all Canada in the municipal ownership and successful operation of natural monopolies such as street railway, telephone, electric light and waterworks, all incentives to good citizenship as all whether manufacturers, merchants, artisans or professional men here, or to come, are, and will become joint owners of these or any other public utilities that the henceforth growth and prosperity of these cities' demand. Fort William and Port Arthur are self-owned therefore self-reliant.

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RETROSPECT

Fort William Trades and Labor Council



HIS central labor organization was installed June 1, 1907, with 12 organizations affiliated. The officers for the initial term were: P. Lavelle, Pres., P. Grey, Vice-Pres., Geo. Carter, Rec.-Sec., F. E. Moore, Fin.-Sec. L. Coursolle, Warden, and A. H. Armstrong, Conductor.

The organization soon became an active centre for the labor workers, and was at once recognized as an influential arbitrator by the masters of capital, and has at different times been called upon to settle vital points of interest to both employer and employees.

It has also at all times taken an active part in municipal matters, always bearing in mind the object of protecting the worker, the man who has to bear the bulk of the burden.

For instance, it has been the means of reviving the "Fair Wage Clause," which was a "dead letter" here prior to the inception of the Trades Council; of defeating at different times the cherished hope of the bonus hunters, always taking the stand that those who bore the brunt generally benefitted the least.

The question of municipal ownership has always been a live issue with the body, and it has always fought hard to gain the control of local franchises for the benefit of the consumer.

It has also been the chief instrument in harmonizing the aims and objects of the workers in the twin cities and has done much to allay the petty grievances which always exist in sister towns



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so closely situated as Port Arthur and Fort William, until now we can claim, as far as labor is concerned, we are one, hoping shortly to be followed by the powers that be in uniting and making this one glorious commercial centre, which we think, when once united would eclipse by long odds any or all of the older cities of Canada.

Taken all in all a reviewal of the situation is very pleasing to both officers and members.

The membership has been continually on the increase until at the present time nearly all the organizations in the city are represented except some railroad unions which are restricted by their charter.

The Labor Day celebration has been made a joint affair between Port Arthur and Fort William, and a set of rules and regulations governing the same have been prepared and adopted by the respective councils.

Since the time the charter was issued to Fort William Trades and Labor Council it has always succeeded in sending a representative to the Congress. Last year our delegate was instructed to do all in his power to secure the congress for Fort William, 1910, and he, jointly with the delegate from Port Arthur, was successful in inducing the members to come to our young thriving cities, the coming metropolis of central Canada.

The Trades Council, joined by the Mayor and City Council, Aldermen and citizens of the city unite in extending a welcome to the Congress, realizing that it will be an education to those who do not understand the aims and objects of the labor movement to sit and listen to the debates of such a body of earnest workers as this, the The Workimen's Parliament, is composed of.

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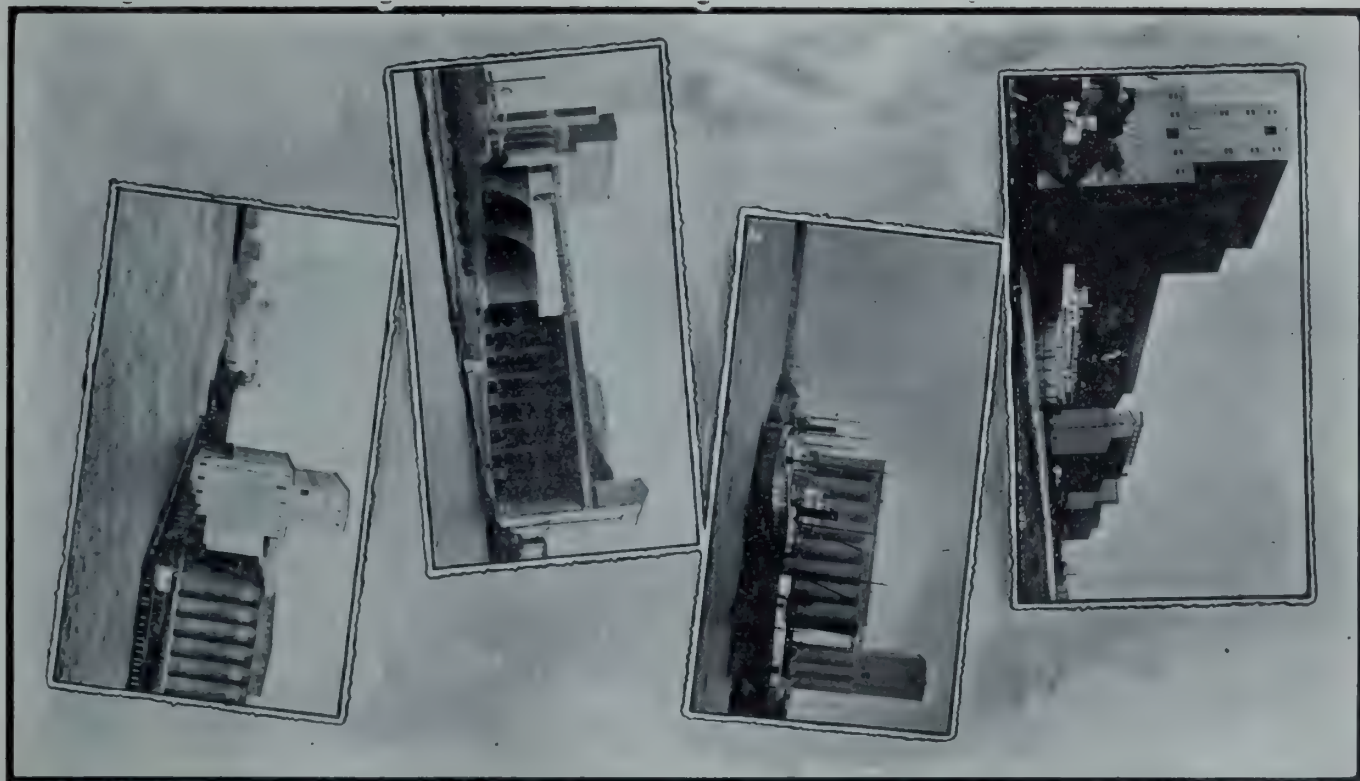
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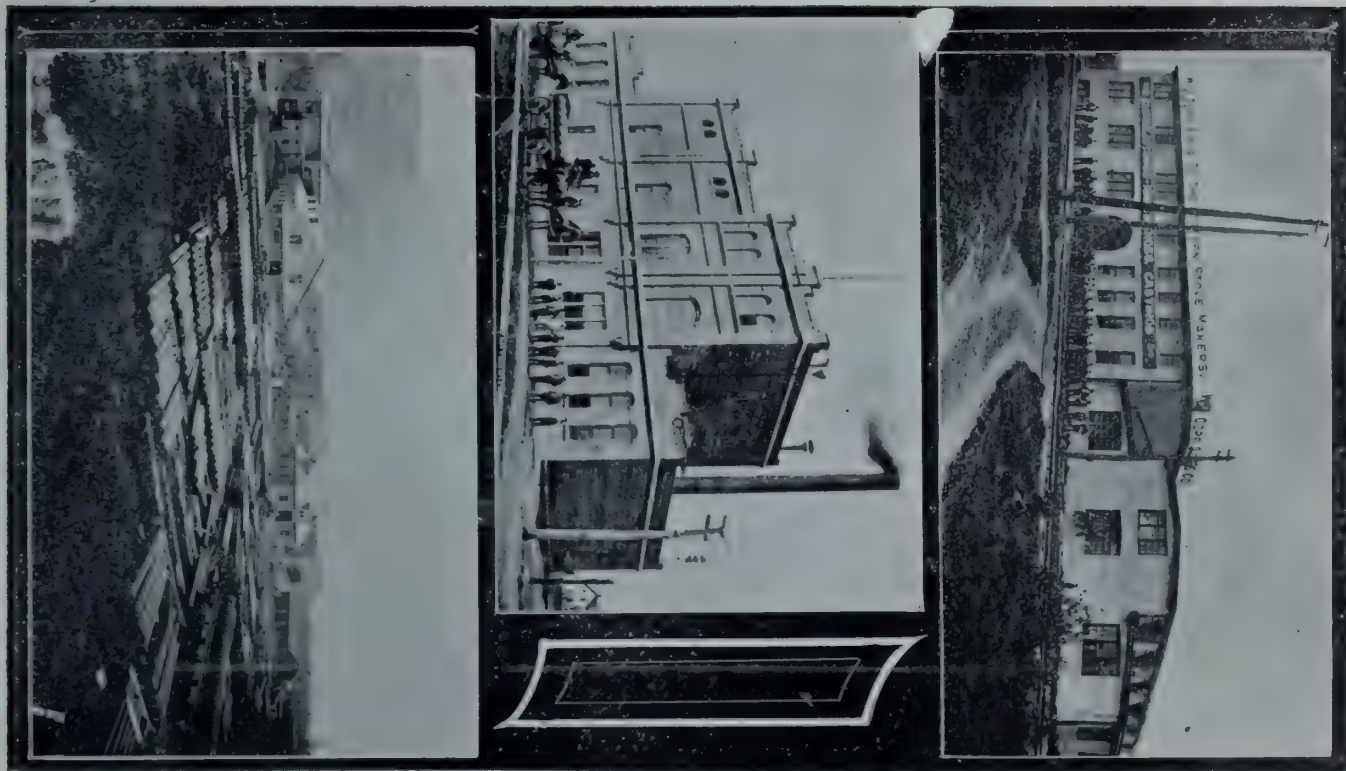
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A word as regards Port Arthur from a residential standpoint: The city has great natural attractions, owing to its being built on rising ground, overlooking Thunder Bay, in the distance is seen Thunder cape, and between this promontory Welcome Islands, on a clear day a magnificent view is obtained of Lake Superior. In a panoramic view from the hill top are seen comfortable homes of the residents, beyond which the commercial district of the city lies, with busy lines of trains bringing grain down from the western prairies and carrying back finished products and in addition a magnificent view of water transportation, mammoth steamers, some 604 feet in length, "carrying 12,000 bushels of grain" constantly leaving the port, especially in the fall of the year and returning loaded with coal and other raw products for manufacture.

The city is the lake terminal of the Canadian Northern railway, and on the main line of the Canadian Pacific, also rail connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific. Fourteen lines of steamers make this their port of call.

70 per cent of all the homes are owned by those occupying same. Here one of the unique features of municipal ownership comes into play, as we find in a large percentage of the houses, whether big or small, a telephone costing \$1.00 per month, also electric light, sold on a flat rate at very reasonable figures, and the purest of water, taken from 3,500 feet out in Thunder Bay, supplied at a rate for a four roomed house complete 75 cents a month.

A large part of the city has concrete walks and is laid out in wide streets, the houses standing back a considerable distance from the sidewalk. Flower and vegetable gardens adjacent to the homes are to be seen in a great many cases, as the land in this locality is most productive.

Special care has been taken to provide ample breathing space in the city. There are parks both in the heart of the city and on the outskirts, and to augment the recreation feature in this connection a system of swimming pools is being inaugurated at Current River park. The first one is completed, which is just deep enough for the children to enjoy bathing in. The second one will be constructed with a depth varying from one to five feet, and the third for adults from three to eight feet deep. Of outdoor sport in Port Arthur there is no lack, with the finest of boating, suitable to all size and kind of craft, fishing and hunting, and in winter time the season sports are in full swing, viz., skating, ice-boating, snow-shoeing, skiing and curling.

A splendid free school system exists, the collegiate institute, costing \$135,000 has just been completed and additions to other schools are now being made to take care of the rapidly increasing population.

Mankind in general needs development on all sides of his nature, and while Port Arthur has ample accomodation for manufacture, the recreation side of life is well supplied in good theatres, bowling alleys, etc.

In keeping with the rest of Port Arthur are her churches, handsome and commodious buildings and the friendly spirit of these organizations is felt throughout the community.



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3. Carpenters (Amalgamated) Sydney Wilson, 96 Brent Street.
4. Carpenters, (Finnish) John Ruina, Second Street.
5. Dredgemen, James Chisamore, Bay Street.
6. Coal Handlers, Mike Paanto, Coal Dock.
7. Ironworkers, D. McNeil, Box 182, Fort William.
8. Letter-Carriers, Harry Woodside, 227 Ambrose Street.
9. Lathers, A. Faithful, 98 Ontario Street.
10. Locomotive Engineers, Wilmot Nash, 2 Machar Ave.
11. Lumbermen, M. Lamc니라, care, Y.M.C.A., Schreiber, Ont.
12. Masons and Bricklayers, A. Scarlet, Box, 458, Port Arthur.
13. Maintenance of Waymen, Hector McLean, Algoma Street.
14. Ministerial Alliance, Rev. McDonald, West Fort William.
15. Machinists, Andrew Boyd, 368 Wiley Street.
16. Musicians, Albert Bonin, 297 Park Street.
17. Painters and Paperhangers, James McDaid, 212 Tupper Street.
18. Plumbers, Charles Vincent, 36 Algoma Street.
19. Railway Firmen, T. R. Harris, 231 Wilson Street.
20. Railway Conductors, E. McGeagh, 97 Algoma Street.
21. Railway Trainmen, J. B. Archer, 296 Wilson Street.
22. Street Railway Men, A. L. Warren, 152 Banning St.
23. Stone-Cutters, Duncan Eaglesome, 306 Bay Street.
24. Typographical, H. E. Temple, Box 428, Port Arthur.
25. Tinsmiths, (Sheet Metal Workers), F. Little, 297 Ambrose Street.
26. Tailors (Journeymen), Alex. McIntosh, Centre St.
27. Railway Carmen, Sam Smith, 506 Van Norman St.

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With Name and Address of Corresponding Secretary

1. Bartenders, Roy Carson, care St. Louis Hotel.
2. Barbers, William Coursell, 127 S. Brodie Street.
3. Bootmakers, E. G. Thompson, 121 Cameron Street.
4. Carpenters (Brotherhood), E. G. Phillips, 233 Heron Street.
5. Carpenters (Amalgamated), H. Blackburn, 26 N. Marks Street.
6. Coal Handlers, E. Bosse, Ogden Hotel.
7. Electrical Workers, Harry Brooks, care St. Louis Hotel.
8. Grain Trimmers, John Murie.
9. Ironworkers, D. McNeil, Box 182.
10. Iron Moulders, George Hill, care Copp Foundry, Fort William.
11. Lathers, Geo. Donnelly, 112 Donald Street.
12. Machinists, H. Stafford, 133 Heron Street.
13. Machinists' Helpers, Herbert Slater, 23 Wiley Street.
14. Musicians, A. Bonin, 297 Park Street, Port Arthur.
15. Maintenance of Waymen, Albert Rowe, 320 Harold Street N.
16. Maintenance of Waymen on Grand Trunk Pacific, R. Possin, West Fort William.
17. Letter Carriers, Joe Demuskey, care Post Office.
18. Plumbers and Steamfitters, Harry Allan, 132 S. Marks Street.
19. Plasterers, Frank Eckersall, 532 Wiley Street.
20. Railway Conductors.
21. Railway Firemen.
22. Railway Trainmen, F. Hutchins, 307 Finlayson St.
23. Locomotive Engineers, H. Mills, 433 McKenzie St.
24. Railway Carmen, J. R. Pattison, 214 Finlayson St.
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26. Typographical, H. Armson, 28 S. Marks Street.
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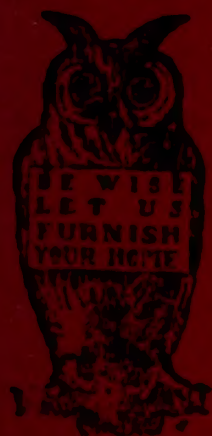
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